(b) Out of the 234 valid formal approvals for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) granted under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, 63 have been notified.

(c) The quantum of exemptions and incentives is dependant on the investments and export profits which cannot be estimated at this stage. The benefits derived from multiplier effect of the investments and additional economic activity in the SEZs and the employment generated thus will far outweigh the tax exemptions.

Trade with ASEAN countries

†892. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of the trade India has with ASEAN countries during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a ban on export and import of some commodities; and

(c) the details of such important commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Trade between India and ASEAN countries during last three years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Indonesia has banned imports of meat and meat products from India.

Statement

Trade with ASEAN Countries

Value in US$ Million

Country	Total Exports to India			Total Imports From India		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Brunei	0.34	0.54	0.88	4.59	5.06	42.9
Cambodia	0.28	0.24	0.78	18.6	18.13	24.19
Indonesia	2,122.08	2,617.74	3,008.11	1,127.21	1,332.60	1,380.20
Lao PDR	0.13	0.05	0.1	0.43	2.65	5.47
Malaysia	2,046.56	2,299.01	2,415.61	892.77	1,084.06	1,161.86

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

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Mayanmar	409.01	405.91	525.96	89.64	113.19	110.7
Philippines	122.11	187.39	235.49	321.53	412.23	494.66
Singapore	2,085.38	2,651.40	3,353.77	2,124.84	4,000 61	5,425 29
Thailand	609.06	865.88	1,211.58	831.69	901.39	1,075.31
Vietnam	38.21	86.5	131.39	410.44	555.96	690.68
ASEAN	7433.16	9114.66	10883.67	5821.74	8425 88	10411 3

Role of Metal Scrap Trade Corporation

893. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the role of the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC);

(b) whether Government have considered any proposal to have the MSTC set up a modern and environmentally safe ship-breaking yard to import scrap iron;

(c) what other innovative plans has the MSTC come up with to meet the challenge of India's requirements of metal scrap for domestic use and re-exports; and

(d) the details of any such plans offered or finalized by MSTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Metal Scrap Trade Coproration was set up in 1964 to regulate export of ferrous scrap. Subsequently, when ferrous scrap ceased to be an exportable surplus, the company emerged as the Canalising Agency for import of ferrous scrap. However, import of ferrous scrap was decanalized during1991-92. Since then Metal Scrap Trade Corporation has been functioning as a Trading House and a Service provider in the area of disposal of indigenous scrap. To ensure its financial viability, Metal Scrap Trade Corporation moved on to marketing ferrous and miscellaneous scrap arising out of steel plants and other industries and importing Coal, Coke, Petroleum products, semi-finished steel products like HR Coils and export of primarily Iron ore. The company has also established an e-auction portal and undertakes e-auction of Coal, Diamonds and Steel Scrap and has developed an e-procurement portal. The Company has changed its name from Metal Scrap Trade Corporation to MSTC Ltd.

(b) No, Sir.